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Three Great Opportunities

By BRUCE H. PRICE

Newport News, Virginia

After asking Dr. Solon B. Cousins to pronounce the benediction at a burial service in a Richmond cemetery, we expressed words of sympathy to the bereaved family, and turned aside for a short visit together.

From his long experience as pastor, university professor, and denominational leader, Dr. Cousins spoke some words of wisdom which every pastor should bear in mind. "There are three times in a pastor's ministry when he has a great opportunity." His musical and pleasing voice trembled slightly, adding emphasis to what he was saying, as he continued, "Births, marriages and deaths are very important in the lives of people. These three often open doors for a minister to render the best of Christian service."

A visit with parents who have a new baby and consider it truly to be a bundle from heaven, shows all who come that way that the blessed event is one the happy mother and dad like to share with others. A fine boy having come into the home of Dr. and Mrs. Cousins years ago, the preacher remembers the occasion as yesterday, and can bear witness that a kind word of congratulations to the parents, and a short prayer for the baby and its future, are appreciated. At such a time the servant of God has a unique opportunity to draw the little family closer to Christ and his church.

A recent marriage and death in his own family had tended to stress on the good minister the momentous significance of these two

events. The previous week he had been to Chicago to perform the marriage ceremony for his only son. As he related about the trip and spoke feelingly concerning the bride and groom, there seemed to be a mingling of joy and sorrow in his heart; happy for his son's happiness and delighted to have a new daughter, but having a little feeling of emptiness as if something had been removed. On such an occasion spiritual help is usually welcome.

Referring to his mother's death a few weeks ago in his native Georgia, the Baptist leader was filled with emotions of gratitude to God for the love and affection of a devoted mother whom he had for more than sixty-five years. Looking down at the ground he said, "She was a wonderful woman, a wonderful woman."

As we separated the words kept turning over in my mind, "She was a wonderful woman, a wonderful woman." And the thought came to me, "Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," and this good mother with them, leaning over the balcony of heaven, she must have responded in a voice so loud that it echoed down the golden streets and around the pearly gates, saying, "He is a wonderful son, a wonderful son."

Whether minister or layman when these three events come to those about us, let us respond to the opportunities they present by being a spiritual blessing.

Our Marching Orders

A Devotion By The Editor

"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

The invitations of the Bible constitute one of the major themes of the scriptures, and provide texts for evangelistic appeals from every pulpit in the land. But there is another word just as important in the Christian vocabulary, and that word is the order to "go." The same Lord who invites us to come, commissions us to "go."

We have a remarkable illustration of this command to go in the account of the escape of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage; and the order to march was issued in the face of what appeared to be impossible conditions.

Their order to march was not merely to escape the Egyptians; if that had been all, the risk involved would not have been justified. They were marching toward the building of a nation, toward the taking of a country for God, toward the establishment of righteousness in the world, toward the ultimate redemption of the race through the grace of God.

They dared not turn back, because Pharaoh's army was in hot pursuit, and to do so would mean the defeat of all their national hopes and the enslaving of the people whose destiny was meant to lead to the highest achievements of life. No matter that they faced difficulties, for those who cannot face difficulties are incapable of the greatest things of life. Those who have done the big things in the world are those who have dared to defy the seas, the mountains and the storms, which sought to impede their progress or thwart their purposes.

"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward," said God. And to go forward meant to walk right out into the Red Sea. They began to march and the sea, as if frightened and subdued by so daring and courageous a people, respectfully drew back to provide a lane by which the people of God might march forward at His command.

No matter what may be the difficulties of the march, they are never as great as the difficulties of retreat. To retreat means to accept slavery and bondage.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

"But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea" Exodus 14:15, 16.

Imprisoned Minister's Book Immediately a Best Seller

LONDON, 1678 (BP) — A book written for the most part in prison by a nonconformist minister has swept England within a year and promises to usher in a new era in religious literature.

Already in a third edition, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, a religious allegory, first appeared in February. The author, John Bunyan, is a preacher who spent some twelve years and six months in prison after being charged with conducting illegal meetings. More than two thirds of this story of courage and faith was written in a dark and cheerless cell.

Presented in a style that is easily understood and which holds the interest of the reader, the full title of Bunyan's fast-selling book is *The Pilgrim's Progress From This World to That Which is to Come Delivered Under the Similitude of a Dream*. In a dream the storyteller sees the pilgrim, Christian, making his journey from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City.

As the dream unfolds, Christian is burdened and suffering anguish of soul. He is advised by a friend, Evangelist, to leave the City of Destruction and to seek the Celestial City. Christian promptly sets out, beginning the journey alone after his family and neighbors spurn his invitation to join in the pilgrimage.

Christian, accompanied toward the end of his journey by Hopeful, finally reaches the Celestial City, but not before he has overcome innumerable obstacles. Along the way he meets many travelers. A few of these acquaintances help Christian along, but most of them seek to turn him aside or hinder his pilgrimage.

The experiences of Christian and his friend Faithful as they pass through the town of Vanity parallel in some respects those of

Bunyan as he fought for his freedom. Although arresting officers supported Bunyan's claim that he was conducting a peaceful worship service, he was sentenced without a trial or proof of guilt. After he had served three months' sentence, Bunyan was kept in jail for twelve years to keep him from preaching.

In Bunyan's book, *Christian and Faithful* were not interested in the merchandise of the world offered at Vanity Fair but wanted instead to buy Truth. As a result they were arrested and brought before the judge, Lord Hate-good. An indictment charged that the pilgrims were "disturbers and enemies of trade, had made commotions and divisions in the town, and had won a party to their own dangerous opinions in contempt of law."

After facing the accusations of the witnesses Superstition, Envy, and Pickthank, the prisoners were found guilty by the jury, headed by the foreman Blindman. Faithful was burned at the stake, but Christian escaped to continue on his journey.

The book is being published by Nathaniel Ponder, a man of nonconformist sympathies, and is as popular with the peasant and schoolboy as the gallant and his lady. In the past religion has been treated in a ponderous style by most theologians. But Bunyan's story offers this important subject to the common man in a manner that he not only understands but enjoys as well.

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More than 60 per cent of all arrests made by police in the first six months of 1956 were due to crimes directly related to alcoholic beverages, the Methodist Board of Temperance said in Washington.

—Religious News Service

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From The Editor's Desk

Messages of Encouragement and Hope

Since publishing the story of my experience as a leukemia patient, I have had hundreds of messages from friends, acquaintances, and strangers. These messages have been solicitous, prayerful and sympathetic.

Many of these messages have proposed remedies or treatments which the writers felt would effect a cure or at least would halt the progress of the disease and prolong life. Many other messages assured me of a definite interest in the prayers of the senders. Still others expressed appreciation for the Christian testimony in my story, while others came from sufferers of various afflictions who were courageously meeting their afflictions and sufferings with Christian faith and fortitude.

Desire to Help

Reading these messages I have received certain very definite impressions. First of all there is the impression that when one's problems or affliction becomes widely known, there is almost a universal desire on the part of people to offer such assistance as may be in their power to give. This is evidenced by the many remedies offered as a possible aid in my recovery. The widespread sympathetic interest and desire to be helpful has in it the element of brotherhood and a fellow feeling for anyone suffering affliction. It arises out of the common experiences of all men because they are themselves subject to disease, suffering, and grief. There is, in fact, more sympathetic understanding and solicitude among people than we sometimes give them credit for.

Christian Testimony

Another impression is that there is widespread appreciation for a Christian testimony when one is facing the extremities of life. Many messages have come from persons who

expressed their appreciation for my Christian testimony and assured me that their own faith was strengthened and they were able to face their problems and difficulties and illnesses with greater courage and Christian fortitude. It is a bit surprising, although encouraging, that a Christian testimony should receive such wide circulation and such universal approbation. Among the hundreds of letters I received there was only one that was critical.

Foretaste of Eternal Life

Another thing that touched me very deeply was the assurances from so many friends and even from persons I have never known of an interest in their prayers. Surely I have been sustained during these months by the grace of God in answer to the prayers of many, many people. There are no words which can adequately express my gratitude for the prayers of so many people in my behalf. It is one of the most thrilling experiences of life to know that friends and others whom one has never known are praying for him daily. There is a Christian communion that knows no limitation of time or space, but which transcends all temporal and earthly limitations to unite us in a fellowship of the redeemed which is a foretaste of life eternal with Christ, our Lord.

Messages From Other Sufferers

One other impression I received from these messages was the Christian faith and courage with which the people of God meet their afflictions and bear their suffering. My own personal testimony was not unusual. The only difference between it and that of others was the fact that I wrote of my experiences and the personal testimony was published far and wide. I received messages from others who were suffering with incurable dis-

eases and whose Christian faith and courage mounted with the progress of their diseases. I am convinced that there is more genuine faith and courage to meet the afflictions and problems of life than we sometimes realize. This conviction is borne out not only by the messages I have received during the past several weeks, but by experience in the pastorate. It has been my privilege in the pastorate to minister to the sick and suffering and dying. It was not something unusual for the Christian to bear his affliction and suffering with Christian faith and uncomplaining, and even meet death without fear. In fact, it was the usual case and I was not surprised by the faith and courage that carried people through the most trying circumstances of life or sustained them in their illnesses and suffering or bore them unafraid across the great divide.

Not Surprising

So I asked myself the question, why should it be considered an unusual or surprising thing that one should be sustained in these experiences of life by Christian faith and trust. If the people of God do not give a demonstration of how to meet the common experiences of the race, then the unregenerate world will have no demonstration of the kind which proves that the Christian can meet these common experiences of mankind with nobility, courage, and Christian faith and fortitude. Jesus did not promise His followers that they would be relieved of the common experiences of mankind, but He did promise that "my grace is sufficient." Our challenge is, therefore, to meet life's experiences which are common to all men with Christian courage and Christian faith and to demonstrate to the world that the Christian has resources with which to meet these experiences that the unregenerate world does not have. The Christian who does not endure these common experiences of mankind with any better courage than the non-Christian is failing to bear his Christian testimony. It is our high and holy privilege to give a living demonstration before the world of the reality and practicality of Christianity in all life's experiences.

Depending Upon God

The first Psalm likens the godly man to a tree. Not a wild tree, but a planted tree. Now no one plants a tree except he have a purpose in mind that the tree is to fulfill. Trees are planted to beautify the landscape, or to bear fruit, or to give shade. And when one plants a tree he sets it where it can have what it needs to grow — good soil, moisture, sunshine.

The tree of our parable is a tree set by a stream. It is a fruit tree. God is the planter and the provider of all that the tree needs. All the tree does is to depend upon God, to use what God provides for its growth and fruitfulness.

Sometimes it seems that our fate is tied up with our jobs, with the way we make our living. But the godly man is not dependent upon his job or his business primarily. The banks could close and life insurance companies fail without ruining God's man.

The Christian is not dependent upon freedom from war, famine, and hard times. He is dependent upon God. Like Paul, he knows how to live victoriously regardless of outward circumstances.

The God of the righteous supplies "... all of your needs according to his riches in glory through Christ Jesus our Lord."

—Erwin L. McDonald

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"All things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23.

Nonsense!

"Frankly, I am concerned with the light "social" imbibor who thinks that he can drive a motor vehicle just as well after imbibing one or more drinks of intoxicating liquor. The files of my department show many highway tragedies cause by the 'social imbibor,' tragedies that have not only affected the operator for the rest of his life but the lives of many others. Tests have been made by competent persons which reveal that even a slight amount of alcohol causes deterioration in the driver's performance.

"Many motorists claim they drive better after two or three drinks. Science shows that this is pure nonsense. The motorist feels he drives better because alcohol removes his inhibitions, and blunts his self-criticism — precisely the same reasons the drinker thinks his jokes are funnier.

"Actually, my friends, the question is not whether a driver is sober, but whether his driving ability has been impaired by drinking regardless of how little. Speed and driving under the influence is the curse of our highways, for alcohol slows down reactions, creates false confidence, impairs concentration, dulls judgment and affects vision."

—Rudolph F. King, Registrar
Motor Vehicles, Massachusetts

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Two-thirds of today's alcoholics began drinking while of high school age.

—Clipsheet.

Just a Minute

By JACK GRITZ

Most of us want to do big things for the Lord. If we had a million dollars, oh, what we would do. If we just had a chance, how we would turn the world upside down.

We forget and look over the little things that God wants us to do for him each day. We forget to be loving and kind at home in every act and word. We forget to be patient and forgiving with the children. We fail to give the help which is needed by a neighbor. We neglect to speak to those we meet each day who are unsaved about the things of Christ. We do not let him live in us. Maybe these are not such little things, after all.

Perhaps God cannot give us big things to do for him until we do the "little things" better.

—Baptist Messenger

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"Give me this mountain. . ."

Said ambitious Caleb to Joshua. The Israelites didn't want it. A giant had possession and they were afraid to fight for it. Not much is accomplished in this world without a struggle or a conflict. It was a tremendous task Caleb undertook for himself, but worth while. He had faith in God — he succeeded. What Caleb did, many could do. But it takes courage; cowardice never wins.

Kingdom Progress

DeQueen Pastor



FRED SAVAGE JR.

Fred Savage Jr., who has just completed work toward his doctorate and will receive his degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in January, is the new pastor of First Church, DeQueen. He succeeds Earl Humble, who resigned to continue his work toward a doctorate in theology.

Mr. Savage graduated from Louisiana College, and attended New Orleans Seminary, where he received his master of theology degree in 1946.

During the Korean War he served as chaplain in the air force.

He is married to the former Nellie Mae Inzer. They have four children, John, 9; Mary, 8; David, 5; and Ruth 1.

Baptist Leader Warns Of Threats to Christianity

Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance, warned that Christianity faces an increasing threat from Buddhism and Mohammedanism as well as from "creeping, insidious materialism."

He addressed nearly 2,000 persons attending the fourth annual Festival of Faith, sponsored by the Greater Miami Council of Churches.

"If we win in the war of ideas, it will be by love, sacrifice and devotion to Christian principles," Dr. Adams said.

The Baptist leader recently returned from a world tour. He said he saw setbacks to Christianity and religious freedom during his trip.

Dr. Adams pointed out there is a difference between freedom of religion and freedom of worship. In Russia, the public can worship in a limited number of churches but has no freedom of religion, he said.

Not only are Communists missionaries, he said, but Mohammedanism is aroused and "an awakened Buddhism is trying to win converts even among Christians."

"We live in a mixed-up world, but Christ is the answer to all problems," Dr. Adams said. "The Cross can bring freedom's holy light to all mankind."

He called for vigilance to maintain freedom of religion in the United States.

—Religious News Service

Pastor's Conference

First Church, Little Rock

November 12, 1956

Program

2:00—Song Service — Luther Ward
 2:10—Devotion — Floyd Pannell
 2:20—The Preacher and His Physical Health — Dr. Walter O'Neal-x
 2:50—The Preacher and Spiritual Poise — Dr. Dale Cowling
 3:20—Special Music
 3:25—The Preacher as Counsellor — Rev. Rivos Dorris
 3:55—Organization and Business
 4:00—The Preacher and Moral Questions — Rev. T. L. Harris

xDr. Walter O'Neal is a prominent physician in Little Rock. He is the son of W. B. O'Neal, long time pastor in the state.

Minister Ordained

Gerald Stone was ordained to the gospel ministry by Knoxville Church, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, September 14.

Ernest Baker, pastor at Ola, served as moderator and J. D. Seymour, associational missionary, served as clerk. W. C. Blanton, pastor of Frankfort Avenue Church, Russellville, conducted the examination. E. E. Haley of Russellville offered the ordination prayer; Don R. Hankins of Knoxville presented the Bible; and Truman Moore, pastor of Jenny Lind Church, Concord Association, delivered the charge and sermon.

Mr. Stone is pastor of the Knoxville Church.

Associational Meeting

Big Creek Association held its annual meeting with First Church, Mammoth Spring, October 18-19.

Wayne D. Gunther was elected moderator; Carl R. White, vice-moderator; and Luther Harris, clerk.

The next meeting will be held at First Church, Hardy.

\$1,000,000 Building Program For First Church, Houston

The congregation of First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, Dr. K. Owen White, pastor, voted October 17 to authorize immediate action upon a program of enlargement and expansion costing \$1,044,800.

Declining an offer of \$1,500,000 for its present downtown property, the church has decided to expand and improve its present facilities.

The 2,700 capacity auditorium will undergo major changes and improvements, including a new organ. Four stories will be added to the educational building, plus a marvelous roof garden featuring exceptionally fine equipment for recreational activities.

Three new elevators will be installed, the present four floors entirely rebuilt and refurbished, and the educational building completely air conditioned. It is estimated that the work will be completed within a year.

This will provide modern, attractive educational facilities for a Sunday School of over 2,000.

Among other special features the church conducts noonday chapel services which are widely attended by workers in nearby office buildings and stores. Attendance at the Wednesday evening Hour of Power is running from 500 to 800 with a goal of 1,000.

Johnston to Missouri



JOHN W. JOHNSTON

John W. Johnston, pastor of First Church, Booneville, since August 1952, has resigned to accept the Connor Avenue Baptist Church, Joplin, Missouri.

During the pastorate of Mr. Johnston there were 313 additions to the church with 143 by baptism. Total gifts amounted to \$110,957.64 with over \$28,000 going to missions. Also during this time a second mission was organized. Choir robes have been purchased for the adult choir. The auditorium and basement have been air conditioned. Loud speakers were placed in other parts of the building and nursery, and hard-of-hearing units placed in the auditorium for the deaf. Services were made available to shut-ins through services of the telephone through equipment of Mr. Johnston and the co-operation of the telephone company.

Mr. Johnston spent one year as vice moderator of Concord Association and one and a half years as moderator. He is a member of the State Executive Board, a member of the Civil Defense Religious Advisory Committee for the state, and district Sunday school superintendent for West Central District.

He is a native of Fort Smith. He is married to the former Miss Norma Lea Webb of Fort Smith. They have four children. Both attended Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Baptist TV Program

"This Is The Answer," a religious television program, began on WKNO-TV, Channel 10 at 9:30 p. m. October 5.

Produced and distributed by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the 13-program series is based on parables from the Bible and relate the story of these parables in a contemporary setting. The programs, featuring Hollywood actors and actresses, were filmed by Family Films, Inc.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Director of the Church's Radio and Television Commission, stated that the Biblical parables were selected as the method of carrying the message for several reasons. First, the parables put themselves to unlimited dramatic situations thereby insuring a variety of inspiring stories for future episodes.

Secondly, Jesus Christ used parables in His teachings because of their simplicity and because they are so easily understood by everyone. Too, these parables deal directly with the problems facing men today just as they did in Biblical times.

Michigan Southern Baptists Organize Five Associations

Southern Baptists in Michigan recently organized five new district associations, representing about 40 churches throughout the lower peninsula, it has been announced by Fred Hubbs, Superintendent of Missions.

They are: Detroit Baptist Association, Huron River Baptist Association, Clinton River Baptist Association, Genesee District Association, and Western Association of Baptists.

Moderators are: Marvin Byrn, pastor, Antioch Baptist church, Detroit; H. T. Starkey, pastor, Merriman Road Baptist church, Garden City; Hubert Keefer, pastor, First Baptist church, St. Clair Shores; Bill Nail, pastor, Providence Baptist church, Flint, and B. J. Ferguson, pastor, Immanuel Baptist church, Lansing.

International Postcards To Feature 'In God We Trust'

Two new international postcards to be issued by the Post Office Department will feature the national motto "In God We Trust," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced.

One is a four-cent card that will carry a message to any part of the world and receive the same handling as first-class letter mail. The other is an eight-cent international postage-paid reply card which U. S. citizens can send correspondents abroad. It can be returned postage free anywhere in the world.

The design for the cards will be similar to the Statute of Liberty emblem that now appears on three and eight-cent postage stamps but the motto will stand out more clearly than on the stamps.

This is the first time the United States has issued such international postcards. They will be placed on sale Nov. 16 in New York City.

Contributions Reach New High

Americans gave more to their churches last year than ever before in history.

Contributions totaling \$1,842,592,260 — an overall increase of 11 per cent above the previous year — have been reported for 1955 by 48 Protestant and 2 Eastern Orthodox church bodies.

The 1955 figure, representing the giving of more than 48,800,000 church members, is a per capita increase of eight per cent — from \$49.96 in 1954 to a new all-time high of \$53.94.

A breakdown in the figures shows Americans last year gave a total of \$1,484,490,642 for congregational expenses — an increase of 11.8 per cent. These funds went to pay minister's salaries, church building maintenance and repairs, fuel, lighting and similar expenses. Per capita contributions for congregational expenses was \$43.46.

Benevolences, including contributions to both home and foreign missions also hit a new high — up 7.9 per cent for a total of \$358,101,618 — or a per capita rate of \$10.51.

Scout Honored

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, C. C. Warren, commends Eddie Henley on his having received the highest award in Scouting — the God and Country Award.

The award was presented to Eddie in special services on Sunday evening, October 21, at First Church, Norphlet, William J. Sewell, pastor.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." —Survey Bulletin

Representative to Convention



DR. CAL GUY

The official representative of Southwestern Seminary at the State convention is Dr. Cal Guy (shown above), Bottoms professor of missions there.

Born in Jackson, Tenn., he finished high school and graduated from Union University there. Professor Guy earned his Th. M. and Th. D. degrees at Southwestern. He also has served for six years as pastor of Retta Baptist church in Tarrant association, Texas.

1957 Graded Series of Home Mission Studies

Home Missions: USA by Courts Redford, an over-all picture of home missions today and a projection of the Board's program for the next seven years. (adults)

Twentieth Century Pioneers by W. F. Howard, BSU secretary of Texas, a challenge to Young People for life commitment to full-time Christian service and for full commitment of all Young People to Christian service through secular employment, giving particular emphasis to the home mission pioneer program.

The Trail of Itchin' Feet by Hazel and Sam Mayo, a study of migrant missions, for Intermediates.

It's Your Turn by Margaret Kime Eubanks, a Junior age presentation of the over-all program and opportunity of home missions.

New Friends for Freddy by Louise Berge, a picture storybook for Primaries.

Recommendation

The Elkhorn Association of Kentucky commends Harry G. Jacobs to Arkansas. Mr. Jacobs resigned the pastorate of Mt. Sterling, First Church, to accept the First Church, Osceola.

New Associational Missionary

Lewis McClendon has accepted the call to become associational missionary in Ouachita Association and began that work October 15. He came to this field from the Whitesboro Baptist Church, Whitesboro, Oklahoma.

Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, and Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, were among seven private Arkansas colleges sharing a \$128,000 grant from Rockefeller Brothers.

—Survey Bulletin

News From Mississippi County County Association

By JOHN D. GEARING

The annual meeting was held at First Church, Osceola, October 11-12. The following officers were elected: G. W. Smith, moderator; James Riherd, vice-moderator; Harold Presley, clerk; Wm. L. Kreis, assistant clerk; and Raymond Zachrey, treasurer.

Through the Home Mission Board and State Mission program, four Mexican preachers have been working among the Mexican laborers with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Foster, missionary to the migrants. There have been approximately 600 professions of faith.

Two new churches were organized within the last year: Carson Lake and Etowah.

Gifts to the Cooperative Program from the association reached an all time high this year: \$54,966, an increase of over \$7,000 above the 1955 record.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, is "M" Night speaker. The meeting will be held December 4. The goal is 1,200.

15 Additions In Revival

Bill H. Lewis, pastor of Central Church, Bald Knob, was the evangelist, and Derrel Watkins, student at Ouachita College, was the singer in a revival at First Baptist Church, Esther, Missouri, October 15-21.

The revival resulted in 15 additions to the church for baptism.

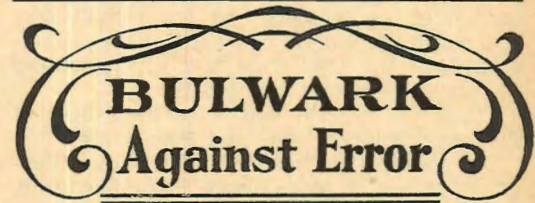
V. E. Defreece, former pastor of Central Church, Bald Knob, is the pastor.

Broadman to Produce Films On Book of Acts

Ten films and ten filmstrips based on the Book of Acts will be produced in late 1957 by Broadman Films, Nashville.

Earl Waldrup, secretary, Audio-Visual Aids Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is in Los Angeles, Calif., this month to supervise the production of this material.

The purpose of the films and filmstrips is to capture and dramatize the missionary and evangelistic themes running throughout the Book of Acts.



The Arkansas Baptist is a bulwark against error.

New Budgets

Mt. Gilead Church, Caddo River Association, Mrs. Varney Love, treasurer.

Snow Hill Church, Liberty Association, Rev. Charles Baskin, pastor.

Naylor Church, Faulkner Co. Association, Mrs. Stella Hodge, treasurer.

Analysis

Liberty Association has 30 budgets, 12 clubs and 6 churches with neither.

Little Red River Association has no budgets, 2 clubs and 16 churches with neither.

Little River Association has 12 budgets, 3 clubs and 13 with neither.

Watch for the analysis of the churches of your association in future issues of the Arkansas Baptist. We are publishing the analysis with the hope that it may stimulate other churches to adopt the budget plan of subscriptions.

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By Religious News Service

Christianity Today, New Evangelical Magazine Launched

A new fortnightly undenominational evangelical Protestant magazine, **Christianity Today**, was launched in Washington, D. C. with a press run of 285,000 copies. A free sample copy was sent to nearly every Protestant clergyman in the country.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor, distributed copies of the first issue at a news conference in Washington. He announced that the magazines had 25,000 paid subscriptions before the first issue was off the press.

Dr. Henry said **Christianity Today** will "present, in a positive and constructive way, the basic truths of the Christian faith as taught in the Scriptures." He said the magazine will be "neither reactionary nor static."

It will seek to present the content of the Christian faith on a high technical plane, undergirded by Christian love and empowered by the Holy Spirit, he added.

In a lead editorial entitled "Why 'Christianity Today'?" the editors declared:

"Neglected, slighted, misrepresented — evangelical Christianity needs a clear voice to speak with conviction and love, and to state its true position and its relevance to the world crisis. Theological Liberalism has failed to meet the moral and spiritual needs of the people. Neither the man on the street nor the intellectual is today much attracted by its preaching and theology."

Publishers File Suit Against Georgia Literature Commission

A group of out-of-state magazine publishers asked the U. S. District Court in Atlanta, Ga., to put a permanent ban on further censorship activities by the Georgia Literature Commission.

The publishers, all of whose magazines have been cited as "obscene" by the commission, also asked the federal court to declare unconstitutional the 1953 state law which created the three-member Commission.

Filing the federal suit were publishers of *Escapade*, *Nugget*, *Dude* and *Peep Show*.

The commission, headed by Dr. James Wesley, pastor of Morningside Baptist church, earlier had asked solicitors of three judicial circuits in Georgia to prosecute distributors of these magazines.

Ministers Asks Drive to Ban Indecent Publications

A clergyman who spent a year studying the contents of magazine racks called for a campaign in Columbia, S. C., to rid stands of indecent publications.

Ralph A. Cannon, a Methodist, said many magazines are furthering immorality and must be "put under control." Freedom of the press, he said, "belongs only to those who recognize the responsibility of the press."

2,000 Protestant Gypsies Attend Church Rally

Two thousand Protestant gypsies, including about 1,000 children, attended a four-day church rally in an open field near Rennes around which about 200 caravans were pitched. An enormous tent was used for the three daily meetings.

There are about 3,000 Protestant gypsies in France.

Industrial Plants to Get Bibles

Gideon Bibles will soon be available in waiting rooms of many Connecticut industrial plants.

The Manufacturers Association of Connecticut is sponsoring the plan. At its recent annual meeting a "brainstorm session" was held on "How Can Industry Contribute Leadership to the Community?" One of the ideas brought forth was placing Bibles in reception rooms of plants.

Albert S. Redway, association president, wrote the 1,600 company presidents in the association. Their response was reported as "amazing."

The return mail during the first two days brought nearly 200 enthusiastic replies. Two of the company presidents said they already had Bibles in their reception rooms; the rest wanted them.

Liquor Stores Outnumber Churches

Liquor establishments outnumber churches by better than four to three, the Methodist Board of Temperance declared in Washington, D. C.

The Board said latest Internal Revenue Service figures show that on June 30, 1956, there were 274,877 retail dealers in liquor and 168,180 retail dealers in beer in the United States, a total of 443,057. The Yearbook of American Churches states that there were 305,449 churches and synagogues in the United States.

Rain Falls in Oklahoma After Prayers

A soaking rain — the first general downpour in this state since June 28 — fell throughout Oklahoma a few hours after prayers for relief from the drought had been offered in churches.

Gov. Raymond Gary had called upon Oklahomans to join in prayers for rain. The governor said he would not "presume to label the downpour a direct answer" to the prayers but pointed out that the pleas had been offered by "a Christian state whose people believe strongly in God."

"I know the people of the state are very grateful," he said. "I am very thankful and I am confident we will receive more rain."

Mixed Marriages a Problem To German Catholic Church

One out of every four German Roman Catholics makes a mixed marriage, Joseph Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, disclosed.

In his annual report to the Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops in Germany, of which he is chairman, the cardinal said that half the Catholics who contract marriage with non-Catholics leave the Church.

It was the first time in the nearly 100-year history of the conference that the Chairman's annual report was made public.

New Methodist Publication Out

The first issue of **Together**, new popular-type, mass-circulation Methodist monthly magazine, was published by the Methodist Publishing House in Chicago.

It replaces the 130-year-old **Christian Advocate**, a weekly journal devoted to church news and commentaries.

A Smile or Two



"I was going to vacation at the Grand Canyon, but I decided I wanted a change."

A candidate for election addressing his constituency was surprised by a voice which, calling from the back of the hall, said:

"Well, I don't care what you say, I wouldn't vote for you if you were the Angel Gabriel."

Quick as lightning came the reply: "If I were the Angel Gabriel you would not be in my constituency."

In the days when women were still fighting for the right to vote, an eager suffragette traveled around the country near her home town to get support for her ideas. She talked to many people but with one hard-working farm woman she did not get anywhere. The woman was just not interested. When the suffragette pressed her for her reasons, she said tranquilly:

"Well, I just figure if there's any little thing the men can do for themselves, like voting, they ought to be encouraged to do it."

Near the close of a rush day, a salesman called on a big business man. When he was admitted, the magnate said: "You ought to feel honored. During the day I have refused to see eleven men."

"I know," replied the salesman. "I'm them."

Lost and Found: "Will the party who picked up the black cocker spaniel puppy Saturday on Wendell Road either return him or come back and get the three-year-old boy he belongs to?"

The most aggravating thing about the younger generation is when we no longer belong to it.

Once upon a time, when men were men and didn't have to worry about who was the weaker sex, a patient by the name of Adam received the first rib job and men have been praying for help ever since.

Mrs. White (to Mrs. Black over the back fence): "I don't like to repeat gossip, but what else can you do with it?"

A farm boy said to his brother, "Reuben, how would you get a girl to marry you?"

Reuben answered, "Well, if she don't want to, you can't; but if she does, there ain't hardly no way to prevent it."

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS

Notice on a Los Angeles Baptist church bulletin board:

"Fall prey to puppy love — and lead a dog's life!"

News From Baptist Press

North Carolina Studies New Hospital Proposals

North Carolina Baptists will consider in an annual convention whether to expand their hospital ministry to include two more institutions.

Sites in Cherokee, in western North Carolina mountains, and in New Bern, along the coast, are those considered. The convention presently operates one hospital, Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

A recommendation before the convention will be that a committee be appointed to study the matter of establishing additional hospitals. This committee would report back at the 1957 state convention meeting.

Illinois' New Church Founding Sets Record

During the twelve months which closed Sept. 30, more new churches were organized within the Illinois Baptist State Association than in any other year in the history of the association.

Forty-three new churches were constituted during this period, according to Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of the association.

Capital Baptist Now Published Every Week

The *Capital Baptist*, newspaper of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, became a weekly publication Nov. 1.

For the past two years, the newspaper has been issued semi-monthly. James O. Duncan will continue to serve as editor of the newspaper and director of promotion for the district convention.

The *Capital Baptist* has 4,000 subscribers, Duncan reports.

Baptist Educator Gives Planetarium to Stetson

The newest gift to Stetson University, Baptist college in Deland, is a small planetarium used in studying constellations.

Laban L. Rice, former chancellor and president of another Baptist college, is the donor. The planetarium projects the heavenly bodies on a dome 20 feet in diameter.

Operated mechanically, a full display of sun, moon, stars, and planets in 24 hours may be shown in about six minutes. The device can be stopped in any position for more detailed viewing.

Approximately 40 persons can watch the display at a single showing.

The donor has had a life-long interest in astronomy. Rice is a graduate of Cumberland University, former Baptist college at Lebanon, Tenn. He later served as chancellor and president at Cumberland University.

Record Enrolments At 21 Baptist Colleges

The Southern Baptist Education Commission reports record enrolments this academic year at 10 senior colleges and 11 junior colleges connected with the Southern Baptist Convention.

According to R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary, net enrolment at all Southern Baptist four-year colleges and universities totals 29,728. The comparable 1955 figure was 28,318.

Net enrolment for all Southern Baptist junior colleges has reached 7,306 compared with 6,838 at the same time a year ago.

Figures do not include enrolment for correspondence, extension, night, and special courses.

Louisville Baptists Ask Branch College

Long Run Baptist Association has voted to establish a branch Baptist college in Louisville by 1960, subject to approval of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

The college would be a branch of Georgetown College, which the state association operates in Georgetown, Ky. The branch campus would offer freshman and sophomore courses.

If the state association approves the plan for the Louisville college, Long Run Association agreed to "take the lead" in finding a suitable campus and \$1,100,000 in funds.

The money would include \$500,000 for a classroom building, \$500,000 for endowment, and \$100,000 for operating expenses.

The branch college plan was endorsed recently by R. Orin Cornett, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Education Commission.

Branch colleges, he said, would share the accreditation and prestige of the parent school as well as meet the need for education facilities in big cities like Louisville, etc.

Branch colleges in large cities would generally draw "day students," students who live at home and commute to college. Therefore, to outlay for dormitory accommodations becomes necessary.

Georgetown College is the only four-year college of Kentucky Baptists. However, the state association also operates three junior colleges and three other schools and institutes.

Carson-Newman Opens New Men's Dormitory

The new Alumni Memorial Dormitory at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., was dedicated on Oct. 27 as part of the annual college Homecoming. The building was opened Sept. 4 and provides modern facilities for 196 male students.

Storers Receive \$5,270 Church Love Offering

Members of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., have presented their retiring pastor, J. W. Storer, and Mrs. Storer with \$5,270 as a love offering. Storer has been their minister for 25 years. He becomes executive secretary of Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, on Nov. 15.

900 Gifts to Furman Exceed \$1½ Million

Nearly 900 gifts were received by Furman University, Greenville, S. C., last year, totalling \$1,543,534, President John L. Plyler has announced.

Funds for construction on Furman's new campus were \$1,279,225 of this amount — the most ever given to Furman for building in a year's time. Duke Endowment gave the largest donation, \$929,624, for new campus construction.

The Duke Endowment funds will build a library to be named in memory of the late James B. Duke.

A FAMOUS DOCTOR SAID

You can get along with a wooden leg, but you can't get along with a wooden head. It is the brain that counts. But in order that your brain may be kept clear, you must keep your body well and fit. That cannot be done if one drinks liquor.

—Dr. Charles Mayo.

You will never lose anything by being fair with your fellowman.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

CONCERNING FORMER PASTORS

Question: A former pastor of our church continues to come back to our church to perform wedding ceremonies, to visit our members, and to make life hard for our present pastor. He is a good man and I am not sure that he knows the harm he is doing. Do not ministers have a code of ethics about such matters?

Answer: They do indeed, but it is unwritten and unenforced. Preachers are human and, therefore, a few do not observe the principles of Christian love and good human relations.

Pastors generally observe the statement of the farewell address of the Apostle Paul, to the church at Ephesus: "And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the Kingdom of God, shall see my face no more" (Acts 20:25). This is not easy, but this is a good policy for a pastor leaving a field.

There is absolutely no excuse for a pastor going back on a church field and visiting a large number of members. Retaining one or two friends, if these particular families are especially loyal to the present pastor, might be excused. But to continue to retain the loyalties of a number of former church members violates the law of love and the welfare of Christ's program.

Going back on a former church field for funerals and weddings should be discouraged, and always the feelings of the present pastor should be kept in mind. Rules are not enough in these cases. The Golden Rule must be the law.

Church members themselves can help to solve this problem by calling upon their own pastor for all pastoral services.

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Kyle M. Yates Author New Broadman Press Book

Many Bible passages have become precious to many Christians as they have brought comfort, strengthened weak faith, and pictured the good life.

Preaching from Great Bible Chapters is a collection of expository sermonic studies by Dr. Kyle M. Yates based, as the title indicates, on thirteen Bible chapters which have been accepted through the years as those best proclaimed the message of God to men. Working on the basis of a knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, an appreciation for the work of other commentators, and years of experience, he explores each verse or phrase to find in it both meaning and beauty.

Broadman Press has accepted Dr. Yates' manuscript for publication in May, 1957.

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Books Received

The Epistle to the Ephesians	
By Joseph Parker	
Baker Book House	\$2.75
Expository Outlines on the Whole Bible	
Volume VII: Proverbs-Isaiah 26	
By Charles Simeon	
Zondervan	\$3.95
The Telegraph Boy	
By Augusta Stevenson	
Broadman	\$1.50
Fun With Puppets	
By Sylvia Cassell	
Broadman	\$2.25

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"Christ, who is our life," Paul. Christ is the source; the substance; the sustenance; the solace of our life.

—Spurgeon

One Hundred Third Annual Session of

LITTLE ROCK — N

Rel Gray,

Theme: "Onward and Upward"; Philippians

PROG



Robison Auditorium, Markham and Broadway



Rel Gray



Paul Geren



Paul M. Stevens



Wm. L. Howse

Tuesday Morning (First Baptist Church)

- 9:30—Song and Praise..... Rev. Earl Edwards, Tyrone
—George Starke
- 9:45—Enrollment of Messengers..... Dr. Dawson King
- 9:50—Forecast of Program..... Rev. Rel Gray
- 10:00—Introduction of Guests and New Workers—
—Dr. B. L. Bridges
—Rev. Ralph Douglas
- 10:15—Music Directors Chorus
"Let All Things Now Living" — Davis
- 10:20—President's Address..... Rev. Rel Gray
"Onward and Upward, Arkansas Baptists"
- 10:50—Hymn No. 416—"Soldiers of Christ, Arise"..... Elvey
- 10:55—"Onward and Upward Through Radio and Television"
..... Dr. Paul Stevens
- 11:20—Music Directors Chorus
"Salvation Belongeth To Our Lord" — Arr. by Davidson
- 11:25—Annual Sermon..... Rev. S. A. Whitlow

Tuesday Afternoon (First Baptist Church)

- 1:30—Song and Praise..... Rev. Phil Beach, Baux
—Willard Burnham
- 1:45—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:15—Historical Commission—
—Rev. L. C. Tedford
—Dr. Norman Cox
- 2:35—"Onward and Upward Through the Arkansas Baptist
Foundation"—
—Mr. Edward Maddox
—Dr. B. L. Bridges
- 2:50—"Onward and Upward With the Arkansas Baptist Assembly"—
—Rev. Burton Miley
- 3:10—"Onward and Upward With the Relief and Annuity Board"—
—Dr. T. L. Harris
—Rev. Floyd B. Chaffin
- 3:30—Solo..... Mrs. Floyd Richardson
"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" — O'Hara
- 3:35—"Onward and Upward With the Seminaries"..... Dr. Cal Guy

Tuesday Evening (Robinson Auditorium)

- 6:45—Song and Praise..... Mr. LeRoy McClard
- Participating Choirs:
Carol Choir — First Baptist — Russellville
Carol Choir — First Baptist — Monticello
Carol Choir — First Baptist — Little Rock
Carol Choir — Second Baptist — Little Rock
Crusader Choir — Second Baptist — Little Rock
Carol Choir — West Helena Baptist — West Helena
Chapel Choir — First Baptist — Russellville
Youth Choir — First Baptist — Crossett
Chapel Choir — First Baptist — El Dorado
- 7:15—"Onward and Upward Through Christian Publications"—
—Dr. Dale Cowling
- 7:30—"Onward and Upward Through the Baptist Book Store"—
—Mr. Dan Coker
—Dr. Harold Ingraham
- 8:00—"Onward and Upward Through Religious Education"—
—Dr. Edgar Williamson
—Rev. Ralph Davis
—Mr. Leroy McClard
—Dr. W. L. Howse

the Arkansas Baptist State Convention

NOVEMBER 13 - 15

President

13-14. Hymn — "Higher Ground"

GRAM

Wednesday Morning (First Baptist Church)

- 9:00—Song and Praise..... Rev. Roy Galyean, Rogers
—Mr. Alan Meeks
- 9:15—Reading of the Journal..... Dr. Dawson King
- 9:25—Miscellaneous Business
- 9:45—Election of Officers
- 10:00—Ladies Ensemble — Immanuel Baptist Church — El Dorado
- 10:05—Executive Board Report—
—Rev. S. A. Whitlow
—Dr. B. L. Bridges
- 10:25—Hymn No. 426—"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee".....Smith
- 10:30—"Onward and Upward Through State Missions"
—Dr. C. W. Caldwell
—Rev. Ralph Douglas
- 11:25—Ladies Ensemble — Immanuel Baptist Church — El Dorado
- 11:30—"State of the Convention"..... Dr. B. L. Bridges

Wednesday Afternoon (First Baptist Church)

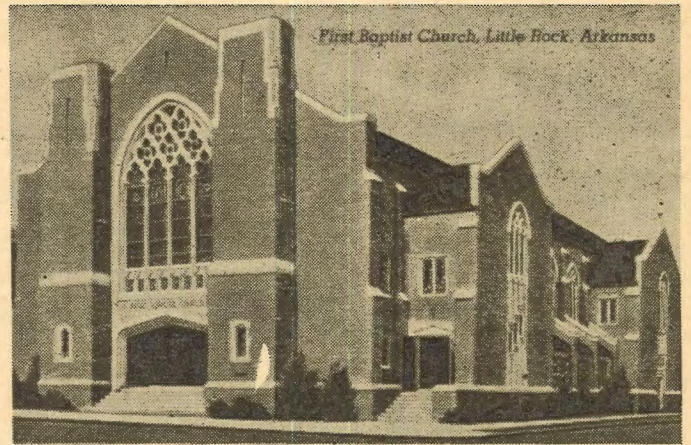
- 1:30—Song and Praise..... Rev. J. W. Cady, Little Rock
—Mr. George Wadlington
- 1:45—Nominating Committee Report..... Dr. T. L. Harris
- 2:00—Miscellaneous Business
- 2:15—"Onward and Upward Through Evangelism"..... Dr. I. L. Yearby
- 2:35—"Onward and Upward With Our Children's Home"—
—Rev. Harold Seefeldt
- 3:00—"Onward and Upward With Our Hospitals"—
—Dr. Frank Groner
—Mr. J. E. Gilbreath
- 3:45—Hymn No. 436—"I Am Satisfied With Jesus"..... McKinney
- 3:50—Sermon

Wednesday Evening (Robinson Auditorium)

- 7:00—Song and Praise..... Dr. J. W. Royal, Benton
—Mr. Loyd Owen
- 7:15—"Onward and Upward With the Men"..... Mr. Nelson Tull
- 7:30—"Onward and Upward With Home Missions"..... Dr. L. W. Martin
- 8:15—Church Choir — First Baptist Church — Blytheville
- 8:25—"Onward and Upward in World Missions"—
—Mrs. John Abernathy
—Dr. Paul Geren

Thursday Morning (Robinson Auditorium)

- 9:15—Song and Praise..... Rev. Luther Dorsey, Pine Bluff
—Mr. LeRoy McClard
- 9:25—Reading of Journal..... Dr. Dawson King
- 9:35—Resolutions..... Dr. S. W. Eubanks
- 9:45—Memorial Service..... W. Walter Warmath
- 9:55—Ouachita College Choir
- 10:00—"Onward and Upward With Woman's Missionary Union"—
—Miss Nancy Cooper
—Mrs. William McMurray
- 10:20—"Onward and Upward With the Baptist Student Union"—
—Dr. Tom J. Logue
- 10:40—Hymn No. 412—"Onward Christian Soldiers"..... Sullivan
- 10:45—"Onward and Upward With Southern Baptist College"—
—Dr. H. E. Williams
- 11:05—Anti-Racing Committee Report
- 11:25—"Onward and Upward With Ouachita College"—
—Dr. Ralph Phelps
- 11:50—Introduction of New Officers
- 12:00—Special Music
- 12:10—Dr. Billy Graham



First Baptist Church, 1200 Louisiana



Mrs. John Abernathy



Cal Guy

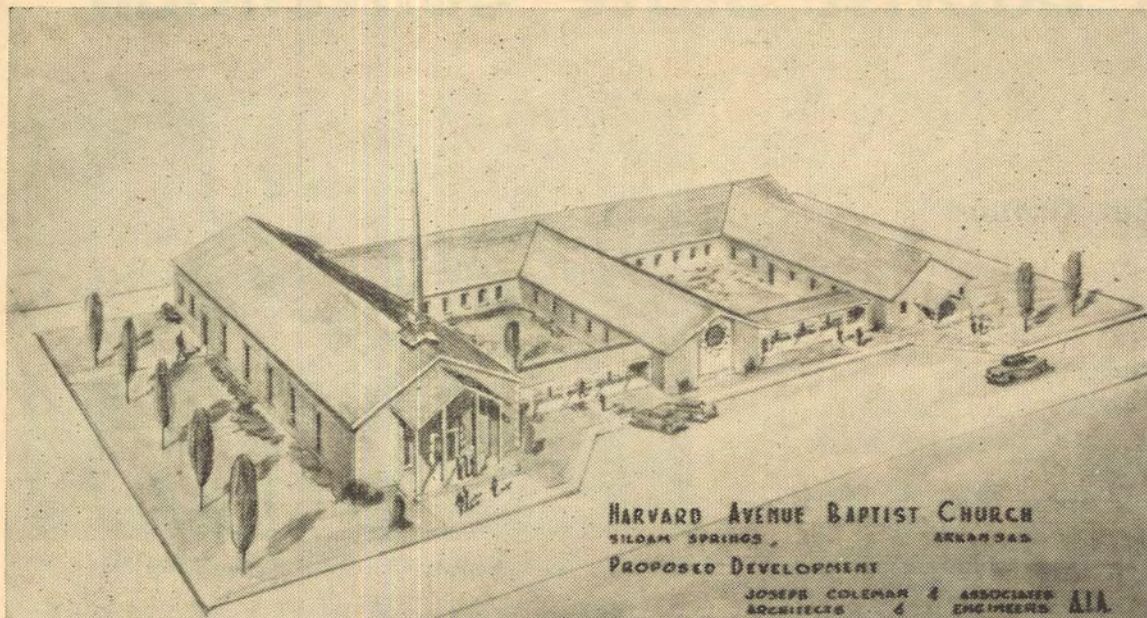


S. A. Whitlow



LeRoy McClard

Harvard Ave. Church, Siloam Springs



Above is the architect's drawing of the proposed development of Harvard Avenue Church, Siloam Springs.

Pastor Jerry Hopkins announces that present plans are for the construction of another education unit to the south of the existing auditorium and also construction of the center building in this picture which will be the temporary sanctuary. The center building is to be completely furnished with new pews, pulpit furniture, baptistry, air-conditioning and an organ. The finance committee of the church is discussing plans at the present for the sale of church construction bonds for the funds to build these additions.

Figures to Inspire SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1956 x Indicates Missions included

	S. S. T. U. Adms.		
Benton, First	x787	x187	7
Berryville, First	237	135	
Camden, First	x601	x201	
Clarksville, First	353	130	6
Crossett, First	553	222	23
Cullendale, First	483	221	
El Dorado, First	x1129	x384	5
El Dorado, Immanuel	702	353	6
El Dorado, Second	488	250	
Fayetteville, First	x716	x264	
Fordyce, First	456	165	
Forrest City, First	542	178	
Fort Smith, First	x1665	x625	13
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	x928	x340	5
Fort Smith, Immanuel	446	156	6
Fort Smith, Spradling	301	130	5
Fort Smith, Temple	269	136	
Fort Smith, Trinity	382	157	5
Hot Springs, Central	394	163	
Hot Springs, First	346	119	2
Hot Springs, Park Place	469	161	
Jacksonville, First	593	225	5
Jonesboro, Central	349	232	4
Levy	437	169	2
Little Rock, Baptist			
Tabernacle	683	205	3
Little Rock, First	x1143	x470	10
Little Rock, Immanuel	x1618	x582	
Little Rock, Rosedale	313	158	16
Little Rock, Second	x1086	x415	4
Little Rock, South Highland	604	245	3
Little Rock, Tyler St.	262	140	
McGehee, First	575	260	3
Magnolia, Central	x704	x280	5
Malvern, First	559	155	
Marianna, First	341	142	
Mena, First	x348	x163	
Monticello, First	394	229	1
Nashville, First	334	146	
Norphet, First	320	189	
N. Little Rock, First	349	147	2
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	558	161	1
Paragould, First	x616	x309	
Paris, First	372	132	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	701	221	1
Pine Bluff, South Side	644	241	4
Rogers, First	386	129	
Searcy, First	405	142	1
Smackover, First	341	200	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	171	85	
Warren, First	535	194	

"M" Night — December 3, 1956

	Attendance,	Goal,	
Association	1955	1956	Meeting Place
Arkansas Valley	181	300	Marianna
Ashley	302	325	Crossett, First
Bartholomew	306		
Benton Co.	502	650	Bentonville
Big Creek	190		
Black River	171		Newport, First
Boone Co.	178	278	Eagle Heights
Buckner	226		
Buckville	60		
Caddo River	160	200	Glenwood
Carey	290	300	Bearden, First
Caroline	403	500	Lonoke
Carroll	262	300	Berryville
Centennial	210		
Central	954	1,100	Hot Springs, Second
Clear Creek	560	800	Malvern, First
Concord	942		Van Buren and Clarksville
Conway-Perry	71	100	Ft. Smith, First
Current River	256		
Dardanelle-Russellville	178		Morrilton
Delta	317		Biggers
Faulkner	266		
Gainesville	203	350	Rector, First (Dec. 4)
Greene Co.	500	500	
Harmony	464		
Hope	678	750	Hope
Independence	160	200	Batesville, First
Liberty	1,477		Camden, First
Little Red River	122	200	El Dorado, First
Little River	254		
Mississippi Co.	840		
Motor Cities	460		Blytheville
Mt. Zion	578	678	Jonesboro, First
Newton	56	100	
Ouachita	131	200	Mena, First
Pulaski	1,096		Baring Cross
Red River	550	750	Gurdon
Rocky Bayou			Melbourne
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	343	400	Clinton
Tri-County	356		
Trinity	613	650	Lepanto
Washington-Madison	518	600	
White County	270	350	Searcy, First
White River	231		
Woodruff Co.	266		
TOTAL	17,097		

Last year 17,097 attended "M" Night which was held in every association in Arkansas except one. The goal this year is "M" Night in every association with an attendance of 20,000.

Attention, Associational Directors or Missionaries

Please send your State Training Union Secretary the attendance goal and the meeting place for your "M" Night. Also, please send us the date if it is to be held any time other than December 3.

Training Union Department
Ralph W. Davis, Secretary
Robert A. Dowdy, Associate

An Encounter

By LEON MACON

We are constantly looking for new ways to emphasize what salvation is and how it is attained. It is an encounter with God. So many people think salvation is the result of their own progress and good behavior, or personal achievements, apart from a personal experience with God.

Salvation is truly experienced when one's soul encounters the Spirit of God. God has come as far toward man as He will. He descended into human flesh. He abides today among men in the Spirit, he stands at the door of man's heart making known His presence. He pursues man with His goodness and makes many efforts to get him to turn back from the direction in which he is going unto a face-to-face encounter with Himself.

This encounter is not like two objects which bump each other but is a fusion of the spirit of man with the Spirit of God. This fusion is what we call salvation, which in reality is a personal experience or encounter with God. If a man has never turned back to God and had this encounter, then he has never known what it is to be saved.

Salvation is not attained by our improving the direction we are taking, but is a rightabout-face which leads us into this encounter with the Divine Being of existence. Man should seek this encounter for therein is eternal life.

The Alabama Baptist

Publishers Announce New Commentary

The Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Michigan has embarked upon a \$100,000 publishing project with the release of its first volume in the "Layman's Handy Commentary" series. The first volume, scheduled for release in November of 1956, is Matthew.

This is virtually a milestone in Bible Commentary history. The "Layman's Handy Commentary on the Bible" is a verse-by-verse commentary on the whole Bible in large readable type. Yet, each volume (there is one volume for nearly every book of the Bible) fits handily into pocket or purse.

The series was edited by Charles John Ellicott, editor of "Ellicott's Commentary on the Whole Bible," a commentary which has received wide acclaim across the country and around the world. The commentary itself is practical and understandable, designed for the average layman — Sunday school teacher, lay worker, etc.

HONG KONG MISSION WORK UNAFFECTED BY RIOTING

Southern Baptist missionaries in Hong Kong and their work have not been affected by rioting in the Kowloon mainland section of the British crown colony, according to a cable which Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, received recently from missionary James D. Belote.

Finch Has Thrilling Experience in Sanatorium

Chaplain Charles Finch, in giving his monthly report, relates a very thrilling experience he had in connection with his work in the Sanatorium. We quote part of his letter.

"One of the rich experiences that I have had was when a father, his daughter, son-in-law, and a cousin came to my office all torn up because the wife (and mother) had to come to the Sanatorium. I talked with them and found that none of them were Christians, and I urged them to give their hearts to the Lord so they could pray for their loved one. I was able to lead all four of them to accept Christ as Saviour. We went down to the mother's room to tell her about them being saved. She was so very happy and said it was worth coming to the Sanatorium, just to know that all of them had become Christians.

"The mother only had to stay in the hospital two weeks. They said she did not have tuberculosis. She went home and I have just received a letter from her saying all of them had united with a church."

This is just an example of the work Brother Finch does in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium. He not only has an opportunity to win patients to Christ, but often wins the members of families when they come to the Institution to visit their loved ones who have tuberculosis.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS GOOD REVIVAL IN NEW MEXICO

It was the privilege of your superintendent to engage in a week's revival with the Central Baptist Church, Clovis, New Mexico. The pastor is Carl Scott, former associational missionary in Faulkner Association. The week with Pastor Scott and his church was one of the most delightful weeks this servant has had in many years. Central Church is now the leading church in Clovis. The Sunday school is averaging near 700, T. U.—275, and a great congregation of faithful members in all the services. There were 36 additions to the church, 10 of whom were baptized. We are glad to report to Arkansas Baptists that Carl Scott, one of our native sons, is doing a great work in his church, and the state of New Mexico.

Mt. Zion

Twenty-four churches in Mt. Zion Association participated in a weekend stewardship revival. The services began Friday evening and closed on Sunday evening. Each church had four messages on some phase of stewardship, with a number of preachers preaching sermons and giving tithing testimonies. Missionary Carl Bunch enlisted the churches to participate and secured speakers from

churches in the association and out over our state. There were a number of associational missionaries, pastors, and others who responded to the invitation of missionary Bunch, and gave of their time Friday through Sunday in this special campaign. Ralph Douglas, Nelson Tull, and I represented the Arkansas Baptist Convention. Many new tithers were secured.

Missouri Baptists have been projecting a similar stewardship emphasis for a number of years. It will be my privilege to serve in a weekend stewardship revival in St. Louis, where I will be in four churches over the weekend. I am interested in studying this phase of stewardship emphasis. It may be that many of our associations may undertake a similar project.

CHAPLAIN RICHMOND GIVES ANNUAL REPORT

E. A. Richmond, chaplain in the Boys Industrial School, Pine Bluff, reports that for the associational year 1955-56, there have been 127 professions of faith, 95 baptized (Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, baptizes those who desire to be affiliated with a Baptist Church), 131 re-dedications. He has counseled with 300 boys and 189 parents, and distributed 308 New Testaments.

There is no way to estimate the ultimate good accomplished through the services of Chaplain Richmond. Individual boys are helped, homes are strengthened, and our citizenship made better by preventing future criminals.

Department of Missions
C. W. Caldwell, Supt.

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BSSB Adds to Staff

The Baptist Sunday School Board announces the recent appointment of three new employees in the Church Architecture Department. They will serve as draftsmen.

James A. Pilkinton, of Nashville, is a graduate of Hume-Fogg Technical and Vocational High School, where he majored in drafting, and George Peabody College with a B. A. in Industrial Arts.

Miss Patricia M. Lawson, of Houston, Texas, attended the University of Houston, the University of Corpus Christi, and Mary-Hardin Baylor College.

Walter James Coile, of Winterville, Ga., is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, with an M. R. E. degree, and a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Degree from the University of Georgia.



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The Arkansas Baptist Foundation

We are finding considerable interest now in the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. Men and women are finding that one of the safest and best methods of handling and making disposition of their material accumulations is to cooperate with the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. They are learning that this Corporation is composed of men of integrity and sincere purpose to bless the work of the Kingdom of God. They are men who study the financial and business side of the work of the Kingdom. They are men who know how to safeguard trust funds and make them work for the glory of Christ.

There are two ways in which people can make a contribution for the long range benefit of the cause of Christ. First, they can make a cash donation or a donation of property, including stocks and bonds as well as real estate. Second, they can make a will which will give their estate to the

Foundation when they go to Heaven. In either case they can designate their gifts for any individual enterprise which the Arkansas Baptist State Convention fosters.

Recently we have received more than \$1,000 in stock certificates and two of God's good men are contemplating making a will in the very immediate future which should net the Foundation more than \$100,000. Even others are contemplating donations and wills.

In December many of our Baptist men will be making up their financial report for the year and many of them will find that they can make sizeable donations with very little sacrifice. The income bracket for the year's work will make such a thing possible. Men are allowed to deduct such donations from their report in making up their income tax returns. If you know of someone who is interested get in touch with B. L. Bridges, Foundation Treasurer, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock.

Just Two Religions

By JACK L. GRITZ

An impressive statement of truth has been made by Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse. He declares there are just two religions in the world — the true and the false. The false has many different forms. But there are only two religions.

Dr. Barnhouse says: "There are only two religions, though there are a thousand versions of one of them.

"The purpose of true religion is to bring a sinner back into fellowship with God, to secure entrance into eternal life, and to transform his present life. If the first of these phases is achieved, the rest will follow . . .

"The Bible reveals to us the only way whereby fellowship with God can be restored, thus securing eternal salvation and present transformation. This is redemption by grace through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The way is the Person of Christ. This is one of the two religions. No other religion has anything that is really in common with this . . .

"The other religion can always be discerned by its one fatal mark; it is centered in man and on human works — something man does for God and not something that God has done for man. Its god is a god without sacrifice and redemption; a god who does not need to have a payment for

sin. Its god is a god made in the image of man, and man is always on the throne in his own heart, superior to the god whom he has supposedly exalted . . .

"Biblical Christianity is from the one, true God, and . . . the other religion, in all its forms, is from Satan. Satan mixes a little of the pure metal of truth with the various counterfeit coinages of error, and the greater the mixture of truth the more people will be deceived by the counterfeit..."

—The Baptist Messenger

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Mr. and Mrs. Billy B. Tisdale, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippines, announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Lynn, on July 17 in Manila. They may be addressed at Dagupan Baptist Church, Dagupen City, Philippines. Mr. Tisdale is a native of El Dorado.

Judging from the way many people are misbehaving themselves these days they must think that hell has been air-conditioned.

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Children's Page

Joyce and the Misbehaving Umbrella

By HAZEL T. HARSTON



Joyce sat by the window and sighed, "Guess I'll just have to miss school today and stay inside. 'Rain, rain, go away. Come again another day,'" she chanted. Then louder she said, "The mean old rain anyway."

"These rains don't last long," Mother said. "You have your umbrella, raincoat, and overshoes." "That's just it!" Joyce exclaimed. "That umbrella gets in my way."

"You'll have to hurry," Mother called, "or you'll be late."

Joyce ran by, picked up her umbrella from the chair and opened it hurriedly. As she ran into her room to get her books, one side of the umbrella hit the door. This threw her back into a small table in the hall, and the table rocked back and forth.

She maneuvered the umbrella inside the door and began to pick her books up from her desk. She shifted the umbrella from one hand to another.

"I'll never make," she stated. Then s-l-i-d-e, BAM! Books went everywhere.

Joyce tried quickly to catch them and another bump was heard.

By this time Mother stood in the doorway wiping her hands on a kitchen towel.

"My! I must say you look funny," she laughed. "I think you'd get along better if you would close the umbrella in the house. It hasn't started raining in here yet."

"Guess I'm ready now," Joyce sighed as she closed the umbrella and picked up her books.

As she zig-zagged through the hall, she jabbed the wall with the umbrella on one side and then the other. The handle punched her books and in turn the books hit her in the stomach.

Mother said, "Wait a minute, Joyce. Let me open the door."

She walked through the door slowly, and started down the steps. "Be sure to keep your feet dry," Mother cautioned her.

As she said that, the open umbrella was lowered and — s-l-i-p — she stepped too far on a step and nearly fell.

After gaining her balance, she heard Mother say, "Oh! Dear! I hope she'll make it in one piece."

As she went down the walk, a gust of wind blew the rain harder.

Scrat-ch, scrat-ch, went the umbrella, into the tall shrubbery, first on one side of the walk then on the other.

Joyce walked on to school. As she walked she said to herself, "I wish umbrellas had windows in them or something. I've hit everything that was anywhere near."

Just then another gust of wind blew the umbrella against Joyce as she stepped off the sidewalk to cross the street.

Scr-e-e-e-ch went the car brakes as a car came to a standstill not far from Joyce.

She lifted the umbrella and quickly backed to the sidewalk as the car slowly went on down the

street.

"Whew, that was a narrow escape," Joyce said. "I'll be careful to lift my umbrella and look before crossing any more streets on the way to school."

That afternoon the rain had started again and as she walked home, she was very careful to raise her umbrella and look both ways before crossing the streets.

As soon as she was inside the door, her mother called, "Joyce,

come in my room and see what I bought for you."

Joyce ran in and there was a cellophane umbrella opened on the floor.

"Well!" said Joyce. "What a fine surprise! You must have heard the wish I made. I wished for an umbrella with windows in it and now I have one with windows all around. Thank you, Mother!"

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Two Great Meetings

Two great meetings are blended together into one on November 12. They are: The Annual Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper, at the First and Second Baptist Churches, Little Rock; and the Brotherhood Convention Night Program in the auditorium of First Church, Little Rock, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Dining Rooms of First Church and Second Church, and will be for Royal Ambassador Boys and their Counselors. Following the Supper, Robert L. Smith will speak. Brother Smith is pastor of the First Church of Crossett. The Supper program will be over at 6:30; and the Boys and Counselors will be special guests at the Brotherhood Night meeting in the auditorium of First Church.

Outstanding features of the Brotherhood Night program are: Good Music; a Royal Ambassador presentation will be made by C. H. Seaton, Associate Brotherhood Secretary; a Panorama of World Missions by O. R. Robinson, Little Rock City Missionary; Jesse Reed, State Missionary; T. K. Rucker, pastor of First Church, Forrest City; and Walter Warmath, pastor of First Church, El Dorado; and the main message of the evening by J. Harold Smith, pastor of First Church, Fort Smith.

We hope that your church will have among those present at these two meetings a fine representation of your men and your boys.

The tentative programs of both the Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper and of the Brotherhood Night service are given below.

The Brotherhood Night Program

James A. Linder, State Brotherhood President, Presiding
Theme: "WITNESSING . . . WHEREVER MEN LIVE"

- 6:40 At the Organ _____ Edwin S. Irey
At the Piano _____ Edwin Harris
- 6:50 Congregational Singing — Led by _____ LeRoy McClard
- 7:10 Scripture and Prayer _____ Herb Hollingsworth
- 7:15 Special Music _____ Quartet
- 7:20 "Our New Responsibility — Royal Ambassador
Presentation _____ C. H. Seaton
- 7:30 Business Session — Election of Officers
- 7:40 "Footsteps of Jesus" — Song _____ Congregation
- 7:42 World Missions Year _____ Nelson Tull
- 7:47 PANORAMA:
I. JERUSALEM: "Winning the Community
to Christ" _____ O. C. Robinson
II. JUDEA: "Taking the State for Christ" _____ Jesse Reed
III. SAMARIA: "Seizing the Nation by Christ" _____ T. K. Rucker
IV. UTTERMOST PART: "Conquering
the World With Christ" _____ Walter Warmath
- 8:15 Special Music _____ George Stark
- 8:20 "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" — Song _____ Congregation
- 8:22 "Lo, I Am With You Always" — Message _____ J. Harold Smith
- 9:05 Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

The Royal Ambassador Fellowship Supper Program

- 5:00 Song
Commission and Declaration
Allegiance
Pray of Thanks
- 5:05 Supper
- 5:35 Special Music
- 5:40 Announcements
- 5:45 Camp Highlights
- 6:00 Special Music
- 6:05 Message _____ Robert Smith
- 6:30 Benediction — Adjourn

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The Lord's Requirements

By BURTON A. MILEY

Is a material offering essential to worship? Can a man find God and acceptably honor Him without a material sacrifice? If the answer to this question is yes, the second question pops up. What does God want of man? In what does the religion of God consist? These questions are not for today only but they have been questions confronting religious leaders for a long time. The prophets, who were real preachers, faced these same questions. Their answers proved them to have much moral courage. In this respect they are examples to preachers of today. No preacher is to echo the prevailing sentiment of public feelings. He is the mouthpiece which calls out the message of God on what is good. Micah did this when the good was not as popular as the set pattern of action. The question of what is good stood before him and his answer is timeless in religious circles.

THE DRIFT OF PEOPLE

Micah preached during the days of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah (750-700 B. C.). He lived at the same time of Isaiah. He saw the drift of the people and the dangerous consequence which threatened. Jerusalem had been guilty of the rich exploiting the poor. Micah rebelled at this practice and attributed its presence to a drift away from God's way. Jerusalem became plowed under like a field because of her sin of intolerance. Religion became an order of sacrifice and ritual. It was lip service without heart change or purity. Micah set in sharp focus the difference between lip service and true sincerity in worship. He saw the desperate plight facing Jerusalem. But better days were ahead if God's way was followed. No one, nation or individual, is so far gone but that a turn to God will better his estate. Destitution turned to leadership was Micah's dream for Zion. It would be a mountain of government among all governments because of closeness of God.

There is the tradition that the Jews in exile thought that there would be a tremendous physical upheaval of the earth at the time of restoration. All the earth would be made level with the exception of Jerusalem. This city would remain on a mountain, and men could look toward this one mountain and see the government of God. Whether there is scriptural foundation for such a belief is questioned. However, it must have been in the minds of many of the leaders during the exile and it colored the speech of the prophets.

It is much easier for people to drift away from God than to return. A drift is a downward course while a return is a stiffer pull. Jerusalem was the religious capital of the world and people needed her example for a walk with God.

Sunday School Lesson

November 11, 1956

Micah 4:1-5; 6:6-8

A drifting person, city, or nation presents little challenge to others. Jerusalem was to be the city where God was worshiped and where others learned of his way. Law was to go forth out of Zion and it would be the center to disburse the word of the Lord.

THE REWARD OF ATTACHMENT

The Lord was to become the judge of the many people in improved Jerusalem while peace would prevail upon the world. Swords, which are non-productive weapons, would be beaten into plowshares which are working instruments. Spears, which are war symbols, should be beaten into pruninghooks. Nation would not lift up sword against nation any more and people would not study the art of war. In security every man would be under his own vine and fig tree. Fear would be removed from the heart. The work of the Lord would be outstanding. Universal peace is the reward of attachment to God. Could wars and rumors of war be evidence of a misplaced neglected God? Will people learn from history?

Much discussion is going on now on the theme of whether to cut the swords into plowshares or the spears into pruninghooks. This is the age of atomic power that was brought into prominent display because of its potential power in war. The atomic power has an equal challenge in peaceful times in producing for man that energy he needs in his daily operation to run industries, to light cities, to work machines. It would be a happy day in this world if nations might turn to the use of atomic power for industrial energy instead of war weapons. Man is still battling with the same problems though they are under new names. Man's heart is the same held by his forefathers, a heart capable of generating blasphemy, murders, and iniquities which overflows the individual life and touch the borders of the nation in corruption.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT OF MAN?

Micah raises the question of how a man shall come before the Lord and worship Him. Religion consists of more than ritual using religious terms with sacrifices for appeasement. It is more than staid observances. The Lord requires more than form in his religion. Jesus portrayed the idea in its highest level when he said, "God is spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." "Not every

one that saith unto me Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Outward sacrifice or performance is not the true religion which is dedication of will to God. This the Lord requires of any and all men.

What the Lord requires of man is what every man can render if he will. Many would be followers of the Lord stumble over intellectual faith or they are removed from God by emotional problems. Micah cut through these hindrances to the very heart of religion and removed the complicated, mysterious involvements. Micah's list included three things. First, that a man do justly. The Lord requires that in business, friendship, work, leisure, man is to do what is right. Each is to live up to his capacity and give out the best that is within him. God does not lower His standards to meet weakness. He appeals to the most noble that is within man. If any man is to rise to the level which God has ordained, he must do right and live in close association with God.

Micah says next that one is required to love mercy. This is a real sensitiveness to need and suffering that causes one to reach out to give help to the weak, the handicapped, the under-privileged. This is the opposite of exploiting the poor which the rich were accustomed to do. This becomes a compelling impulse in life and one of the noblest God-like qualities one can possess.

The third requirement is that one walk humbly with God. One is to keep his life close to God and walk in step with Him. God answers the question of what is good in these requirements. No goodness or justice is found apart from the practice of these requirements. No goodness or justice is found apart from the practice of these requirements. They are beyond material sacrifice and offering.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

God Gives the basis for peace. Peace does not lose its significance except when man has lost his significance. The value of

peace is in direct proportion to the obedience of man to higher authorities. Therefore every man should give himself unto God in order that he can best give himself in service to man.

Ritual is easier than to be right. Offerings are easier to make than to have the right spirit of worship. "What can I do?" is more frequently asked than "How can I be better?" Cain had no more trouble in bringing his offering than Abel. However, the right spirit was more important than the offering.

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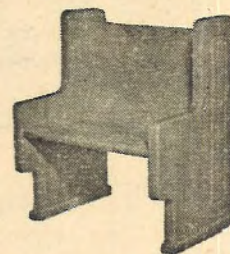
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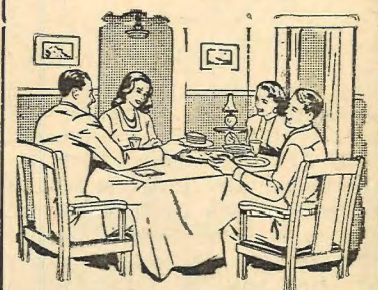
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A Good Conventioneer

We Baptists take our work of being Christians seriously. Therefore, the Arkansas Baptist Convention has become an institution as well as a meeting. During the Convention there is time for satire, criticism and just plain jibing, but this is also a time for inspiration and information. One can attend in order to pick out faults and laugh at mistakes, but the main body of Baptists will be trying to hold to good and worthwhile things and expand the qualities that are worth expanding.

The many Baptist meetings give us opportunities, not only for worship, but in them we prepare, plan and promote kingdom work. This is mainly the purpose of any Convention. There are many things to be said in favor of conventions and there are some things which could be improved. So, we offer some observations and suggestions which could make all of us better "Conventioneers."

Honestly, we believe that the first, vast and most far reaching, improvement could be made in the individual, herein called the "Conventioneer."

1. Let each individual plan his own participation in the Convention.

(1) If he cannot attend every session, then do the next best thing, pick out the sessions best suited for him (or her) then attend those meetings.

(2) If he (or she) does not wish to attend a session, do not become obnoxious to those who do want to attend by standing around, in the way, talking and laughing.

Prominent National Characters And Their Church Affiliation

Mr. Eisenhower is a member of the National Memorial Presbyterian Church in Washington and Mr. Nixon is a Congregationalist. Mr. Stevenson recently left the Unitarian Church and joined the Presbyterian Church in Lake Forest, Illinois. Senator Kefauver is a member of a Baptist Church.

The daily press recently reported that House Speaker Sam Rayburn, (Democrat, Texas), 74, has been baptized in the Tioga Primitive Baptist Church. The report said this church is an affiliate of a Fundamentalist Denomination, now directly connected with the Southern Baptist Convention. Our office made inquiry about this press report because we knew that a Primitive Baptist Church, an affiliate of a Fundamentalist Denomination, is not connected with the Southern Baptist Convention. Upon inquiry we learned that somehow the word "now" should have been the word "not." The verbal change completely changed the sense of the article. — B. L. B.

Look at Mt. Ida

Pastor Eddie L. McCord of Mt. Ida advises us that they are beginning the practice of putting the Cooperative Program in their budget on a percentage basis. He thinks that the Cooperative Program gifts may be three times as much as they are in 1956. This church is going forward under the leadership of this fine young man and it looks like they will finish their church debt next year. — B. L. B.

2. Jot down specific problems which you have. Plan to talk with others whom you believe are able to give advice on your particular problem.

3. Capitalize on meal time hours. Eat with your alumni groups and your old school friends.

4. Make new acquaintances at the Convention. Write down their names and addresses. Then, after returning home, you may want to write a word telling them how happy you are to number them among your acquaintances.

5. Plan sometime for an old-time, informal, get-together where the group can all sit down and talk. Many valuable suggestions have come from such gatherings.

6. Finally, if you get up and run in and out of your local church services, you may have opportunity to do the same thing at your State Convention.

7. If the pastors believe that it is all right for their members to walk around in the church auditorium while they are reading the scripture, then, they will see nothing wrong in moving about and visiting with each other while some speaker is delivering his message.

There are many suggestions which could be made to officers, committees and program personnel, but that would take a book.

Let' be good "Conventioneers" November 13-15! — R. D.

T. K. Rucker, Too

Pastor T. K. Rucker of Forrest City is one of our Board Members and writes us that his church will increase its giving for the Cooperative Program for 1957. The increase might amount to as much as \$2,000 for the year. Rucker is a good leader and is living up to his sentiments on increasing the state budget. — B. L. B.

Pastor Boyd Baker

Boyd Baker of Wynne is another member of our Executive Board and he writes that "for this new year our budget provides for a 17 per cent increase in amount given to the Cooperative Program."

He adds that his church overpaid last year's budget and he believes that they will overpay this one. Thank you, brethren. — B. L. B.

Rocky Bayou and Shirley

Homer Shirley, Jr., is our Board Member from Rocky Bayou Association. He writes that the Association has accepted a suggested quota for the 1957 Cooperative Program. He adds: "May I say that the increased budget has my wholehearted support and I shall do my best to encourage this increase in our churches. I feel we have the greatest program for carrying out the Great Commission of any group on earth and we trust that the churches will meet this challenging budget." — B. L. B.

The Thanksgiving Offering

Our churches are being asked again this year to make a liberal contribution for the support of the Orphanage.

Pastor J. D. Tolleson of the Immanuel Church, El Dorado, is managing the campaign for the Orphanage.

Our office presented a memorial from Little River Association asking that the Home be financed entirely through the state budget and that the Thanksgiving Offering be eliminated. The management of the Orphanage prefers to follow the plan of taking this collection and our Executive Board approved it.

We are urging our churches, therefore, to make a worthy offering to this cause on some Sunday near Thanksgiving Day. The campaign manager is giving publicity to this drive and we are adding our official blessings to the efforts that are being made. Don't wait too late to make your offering for this fine institution. — B. L. B.

Chaplain Richmond Reports On Boys' Industrial School

The annual report of the Arkansas Boy's Industrial School to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as compiled by Chaplain E. A. Richmond, will reveal these statistics for the 1955-56 Sunday School year: "127 professions of faith; 94 baptized; 131 re-dedications; counselled with 189 parents; counselled with 300 boys; distributed 308 New Testaments. DID YOU SHARE WITH ME IN THESE JOYS TO MY HEART: IF your church gives to the COOPERATIVE PROGRAM and to the DIXIE JACKSON OFFERING for State Missions — you had a part in the above blessings — as 100 per cent of my salary as Chaplain is paid thru the A. B. S. C. from the above gifts. YOU CAN STILL HAVE A GREATER SHARE— GIVE TO OUR CHAPEL FUND TODAY.— A WORTHY MISSION PROJECT! . . . PRAY FOR US." — B. L. B.

Deese and West Helena

Here is an encouraging word from another Board Member. Wilson Deese, pastor of the First Church, West Helena, recites the fact that during the associational year just closed their church gave \$11,685.63. They are making their new budget and they hope to increase their gifts next year. This is one of our great churches and Deese is making them an A-1 pastor and leader. — B. L. B.

Wallace and Hughes

Here is a breath taker. One of our good churches, being led by a progressive and faithful pastor, is increasing its Cooperative giving, not 12½ per cent, but 50 per cent. Can you beat it? Very few churches are going that strong. There is a fine missionary spirit reflected in this church and pastor. Thank you all at Hughes. — B. L. B.

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"Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?" — Moses. Yea, the churches are over-ridden with people who let the other fellow pay the bills, do the work, and fight the battles, while they drift with the tide. Be S. S. superintendent, T. U. direct, W.M.U. president one year — and learn how hard it is to get teachers and workers.

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